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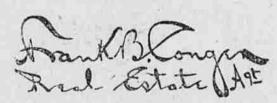
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During Gen. Sherman's march to the sea he rode up to a fine plantation in the neighborhood of Macon, Ga., one bright afternoon, and inquired of a black-eyed girl child, who was standing at the front gate of the house approached, if he could get a glass of water, and added, "Is your mother at home?" The child replied that he could to the first part of his question, and then said: "I have no mother. I was found in a black-jack stump; but Lottie is inside and I will call her." The General and his officers alighted and entered the house. They were met by Lottie, who was Mrs. Garner, the tion. He and his staff were politely received and a good meal was furnished them. The General was so struck with the beauty and intelligence of the little black-eyed girl that he made some inquiries about her. Mrs. Garner informed him that Mina was a quadroon, the shild of a former house slave, who had been sold when Mina was quite young, and she had been told that she was found in a "black-jack stump" to keep the disposition of her own mother from her. Mina had had her daguerreo-type taken at the same time as that of Col. Garner's children, and Gen. Sherman was so taken with the likeness that it was given to him. He said that she was the most beautiful quadroon that he had ever laid his eyes upon in the South. A guard was placed upon the plantation by the General's orders, and he took his leave with the picture in his coat pocket. In one of the many battles which followed this episode a stray bullet struck the General, and would have penetrated his heart, but it stopped at the metallic back of Mina's picture, which

doubtless saved his life. \* \* \* Years after the war General and Mrs. Sher man gave a dinner to Gen. Grant, and during the preparation of the dinner Mrs. Sherman had occasion to visit her kitchen. There she saw a beautiful quadroon, who was assisting the cook who had been employed for the occasion. She was so struck with the likeness of the girl to the picture carried by the General that she called the General, who, on seeing the girl and comparing the picture, was sure that she was the original of the daguerreotype which had been the means of saving his life. He questioned the girl, and she told of their former meeting, and said "You are Gen. Sherman, but I did not know who you were when I saw you in Georgia during the war." The General and his wife secured employment for Mina, and later when she was married aided her materially in fitting up her house. In time Mina became the mother of twin boys, one of whom was named William for the General, and the other Charles after her late employer. Mrs. Shore Charles, after her late employer. Mrs. Sherman gave the twins their baptismal robes, and the family have ever since shown a lively interest in the welfare of Mina and her boys.

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